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As a user of Microsoft systems, I am concerned than government is coming down so hard on Microsoft and their user-friendly systems. I find their systems to be easy to use and any computer user can easily utilize the systems of other manufacturers if for some reason they dislike the Microsoft systems. It seems to me that the states and cometitor companies who are sueing Microsoft are doing so only to try to win a competative advantage.

I am concerned that the definition of monopolistic practices is being distorted in Microsoft's case, while being ignored in the case of foreign oil companies who have been allowed to buy control of smaller oil companies and thereby create monolpolys which allow them to control fuel prices to the detriment of we, the consumers.

Microsoft and their systems have contibuted greatly to the knowledge and efficiency of our nation. They should be rewarded for their contribution, not punished.